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## **February 2020 Newsletter**

HAPPY NEW YEAR and a special "Thank You" to so many loyal Valle Vista homeowners that have been members of the VVHOA for several years. Thanks to your dedication to the HOA, Valle Vista has remained a very desirable neighborhood and has increased its value. Because of your membership due payments, the voluntary HOA board members are able to sponsor the annual Garage Sale with advertisements and entrance signs, mail newsletters throughout the year, and present Welcome Baskets to new homeowners. Thanks to your participation, we are able to continue offering activities for the neighborhood such as the Plant Swap, the Green Thumb Award, and other special programs. Your loyalty to the VVHOA has inspired the board members to continue to work directly with the Greenwood city and local governments for the benefit of Valle Vista. **Thank You** so much for being a very important part of Valle Vista!

2020 PLANS VVHOA is very pleased to offer several repeat functions for 2020, like the Annual VVHOA meeting (April), the Plant Swap and annual VVHOA Garage Sale (May) & Green Thumb Awards (June). We're planning a new Bike Rodeo in 2020, too. Please check the VVHOA website,

www.vallevistahoa.org, for dates. In addition to these functions the VVHOA will continue to support Block Parties and delivery of Welcome Baskets as long as possible. The VVHOA always welcomes ideas for functions and suggestions for improvements to the neighborhood.

NEXTDOOR VALLE VISTA Have you signed up for Nextdoor? Get safety updates and stay in-the-know on what is happening in our area. Various settings allow you to pick how often you receive notifications and what surrounding neighborhood posts you see. While not technically part of the VVHOA, we encourage the use of this free tool. Sign up at https://vallevistain.nextdoor.com or get the app.

**STREET LIGHT PROBLEMS** can be reported to Duke Energy online in a few easy steps. You'll need the pole number, which is about eye level on every pole. Start at Duke Energy's online customer service page:

https://www.duke-energy.com/Customer-Service/Request-Light-Repair

Enter the address closest to the light or zoom to the light's location on the map. The map will show icons for the existing street lights, simply click on the light and a form will appear. Complete the form and submit. You'll get a confirmation email shortly afterwards. Optionally you can get updates on the repair by leaving an email or phone number.

Portions of Barcelona and Madrid have street lights serviced by REMC. Start at the Johnson County REMC Security Light Repair Ticket, complete the form and click submit.

https://jcremc.com/forms/security-light-repair-ticket

**VVHOA MONTHLY MEETINGS** are currently held at Denny's restaurant on Main Street the **FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 7 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend! Because of unforeseen circumstances, we sometimes move the date, so please contact a board member if you plan to attend a meeting.

BIKE RODEO We're planning a bicycle rodeo on April 26 @ 2pm. This is a family friendly event to meet our neighbors, have some fun, and get some exercise. Meet on Margueritta Ct at 2:00pm and we'll ride laps around the neighborhood. We'll target about 1 hour of riding, but you can do as much or as little riding as you like. Want to decorate your bike? You can do that if you like. We'll have water and some treats. Wear your helmet!

**VOLUNTARY HOA** Remember that the VVHOA is a totally voluntary association and does not impact the freedoms you have as a Valle Vista residents. The VVHOA has no control over what you do on your property and will not attempt to restrict or assess a penalty on you for your activities. The primary restrictions are the ones put in place by the local and state governments, which impact everyone regardless of whether they are a VVHOA member or not. See Greenwood City Ordinances here: <a href="https://www.greenwood.in.gov/egov/apps/document/center.egov">https://www.greenwood.in.gov/egov/apps/document/center.egov</a>

**JOIN NOW** Inside is either a 2020 Membership Form or a note that you've already paid for 2020. If you haven't joined, now is the time to sign up for only \$25!

WE ADVOCATE FOR YOU Valle Vista is a great neighborhood and the VVHOA board works diligently to try to keep the neighborhood as desirable and safe as possible by working, as needed, with the Greenwood City Council, Greenwood mayor, fire, police, street and other departments. The board also works with nearby neighborhoods on big issues that impact more areas than our neighborhood. Thanks to the VVHOA, work has been completed with the city and Duke Energy to add additional and upgrade existing street lighting, to improve our streets, add lane markings for more efficient use of our exit lanes at Hacienda and Valley Oaks, among other projects to improve safety and attempt to keep the home values as high as possible.

Michael Williams is our new Greenwood City Council District 3 representative for the east side of Valle Vista and the majority of Southeast Greenwood. Michael looks forward to being your voice over the next four years as our city continues to grow. Mike plans to connect via Town Hall style events, as well as casual coffee shop events. Contact Michael if you have issues, concerns, or questions!

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**Ezra Hill** is our representative for Greenwood City Council District 2, covering the west side of Valle Vista. Ezra has been on the city council since 2011. Contact Ezra if you have issues, concerns, or questions!

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**Bruce Armstrong** VVHOA wants to thank Bruce for his dedicated service to our city and specifically the Valle Vista neighborhood for his 16 years of service on the Greenwood City Council (2004-19). For those who do not know, Valle Vista's concrete streets were originally poorly installed and were severely crumbling. Early in his 16 years, his focused plan and dedication saved over 5 million dollars as he persuaded the Council to approve totally digging down about 4' and re-building our streets. Bruce also prudently fought against several tax increases.

With Woody Burton's retirement from the Indiana State House, Bruce has announced plans to run for Woody's open Indiana State House seat. Bruce's 16 years of local "hands-on" experience provide a solid background, knowledge, and experience. One goal is to close loopholes cities use to redirect tax money that should be used for schools, libraries, police and fire. We wish him well in his endeavors.

**NEW IDEAS** The VVHOA board always welcomes new ideas for functions and neighborhood improvements. The board coordinates these events and approves spending to cover the cost of the functions. Some of the activities are limited to VVHOA members only, so please consider joining. The annual dues are only \$25 per household, and one big perk is that each member household receives 2 reusable discount cards to save money throughout the community during each year. The annual VVHOA dues are used by the board to print and mail the newsletters each year, print the discount cards, advertise for the Garage sale, file necessary legal forms, pay administrative fees, as well as covering programs and activities for VVHOA members. No board member receives any compensation or other benefits for the time they donate to serving our community.



2020 DISCOUNT CARDS: We have a number of fantastic businesses on board again to offer discounts for those who join the VVHOA. Here are a few of the businesses - thank them for the deals they are providing:

Ari's Pancake House Jack's Pizza **Smallcakes** Jahan Indian Cuisine Play It Again Sports **Anthony Outdoor Solutions** 

Two Fat Guys Ace Superstore Catered Cabaret Jiffy Lube Denny's Main St Grille Yokohama Japanese

GARAGE SALE 2020 will be Friday and Saturday, May 22 & 23. We are planning one annual garage sale in the spring of 2020. If you want a second garage sale in the fall - let us know.

**ANNUAL MEETING** will be on **April 16, 2020** (Thurs) at 6:45 p.m. at the Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! The VVHOA is planning to have speakers from the city of Greenwood to discuss the upcoming changes to the city along with an informative speaker to discuss wildlife control.

## **Vision Statement**

We envision a community of neighbors dedicated to working together in public and private cooperation as members of a voluntary association. Together we hope to create a safe, caring, healthy, and prosperous community dedicated to enriching each other's quality of life while striving to increase property values. We envision a neighborhood that is considered by residents and non-residents alike to be a highly desirable place in which to live and enjoy the benefits of family, friends, and community.